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In the matter of the Application of: Susan L. Acton, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/635,501

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For: *ANGIOTENSIN CONVERTING ENZYME
HOMOLOG AND USES THEREFOR*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 25, 2002 (Paper No. 5). Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 18-43, without prejudice, and amend claims 5-8 and 17 as follows:

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